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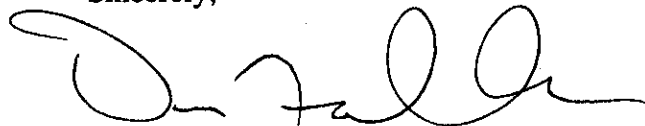
Re: EPA Comments on 200-PW-1 Plutonium/Organic-Rich Process Condensate/Process  
Waste Group Operable Unit RI/FS Work Plan

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Dear Mr. Foley:

Enclosed please find EPA comments on the work plan referenced above. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (509)376-8631.

Sincerely,



Dennis Faulk

Enclosure

cc: Bruce Ford, BHI  
John Price, Ecology  
Administrative Record: 200-PW-1

## **EPA Comments on 200-PW-1 RI/FS Work Plan**

1) Page 3-3, Section 3.3

This section discusses the nature and extent of contamination. Data exists on the contents of tank 241-Z-361; however, the tank characterization is not discussed. Please add a summary of the characterization data for 241-Z-361.

2) Page 4-4, Section 4.2

There is an extensive amount of data on both the Z-1A and A-9 cribs. EPA would like to discuss the rationale on why DOE believes further information is needed and how that data will assist in the decision process.

3) Page 5-10, Section 5.5, 2<sup>nd</sup> to last sentence

The Proposed Plan will identify the preferred alternative(s) for waste sites **within** the operable unit, not **for** the operable unit.

4) Page 5-2, Section 5.2

This section and Section 3.3.6 regarding ecological risk assessment are not consistent. Please provide a status of the current ecological risk efforts and the relationship between the 200 Area-wide effort and 200-PW-1.

5) Page 5-7, Section 5.3.5.3

This section discusses risk assessment. However, from the text it is not clear what tasks are being proposed. Please clarify.

6) Page 6-8, Section 6-4, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet

This statement says the network will consist of existing wells. It is EPA's expectation that this activity may indicate a need to add additional wells to the network. The text should be changed to reflect this.

7) Page 7-2, Schedule

EPA has several questions regarding this schedule. In addition, EPA would like to discuss how the approach to add additional operable units into this work plan will occur.

8) Page 8-3, last reference

Change Olympia to Seattle.

9) Page A-43, Section A.5

No mention is made regarding a waste control plan. A waste control plan must be in place prior to implementing field work.